

Lound Annual Parish Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish was held on 27th May 2025 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

This is an open forum for the village.

Minutes

1. Chairman's Welcome:
2. Chairperson's Annual Report 2024/25 – Cllr. Pauline Sheehy

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Despite some pressing and complex issues, it was business as usual for much of the last year, such as overseeing maintenance of the village infrastructure to ensure communal areas and grass verges are cut and kept clean and tidy, trees and footpaths are monitored, local planning issues responded to and that emergency planning and health and safety procedures are up to date. A summary of the more challenging issues follows:-

Application to Extract PFA from the Former Lagoons off Walter's Lane:

Hive Ltd requested and arranged several meetings in Lound and surrounding villages to outline plans for this substantial project. Following the planning consultation period, on 28 April 2023 Lound and neighbouring Parish Councils submitted substantial responses to the Notts County Council (NCC) Planning Committee with material objections to the original proposal on the grounds of health, safety, air quality, noise, traffic and threats to wildlife. Individual Councillors also submitted their personal views both as Councillors and representatives of Lound residents. As a result of this and objections from other statutory consultees the Planning committee requested further information from Hive Aggregates, who then adjusted their application with some concessions and resubmitted it to NCC in 2024.

A second round of consultation ensued, and the Parish Council (PC) subsequently submitted its further responses. The NCC Planning Committee considered this revised application in the autumn 2024. Despite considerable objections from Lound and Sutton Parish Councils the planning request was granted. As of yet we have no knowledge of when the work will begin and await input from Hive on setting up the required works consultation committee.

The FCC Asbestos Picking Plant off Daneshill Lane:

This planning issue has been ongoing for over five years following considerable objections from the Parish Council, experts and village residents to the first consultation. A referral to the Environment

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Agency (EA) by the NCC Planning Committee followed as a requirement for granting the planning . Since when there have been considerable changes to the EA's decision of which the Parish Council was unaware. These decisions resulted in a second appeal by FCC and a Public Enquiry which ended in April 2024. Many residents attended this and the April Parish Council meeting where a plan of action was discussed. Our thanks to Chris Chambers, who gave evidence to the Enquiry on 30 April 2024 and to Viv French and Nick Prout who attended many sessions of the Enquiry and requested clarification to many points arising. Thank you also to all those that either attended the last days of the Enquiry or made their objections in writing to the EA.

Meanwhile, last year FCC applied to NCC for an extension to their use of the site, which had already run out. Thanks to a very eloquent representation on the PC's behalf by County Councillor Tracey Taylor, the committee rejected the application.

We now know that the Enquiry's recent decision supported the picking of asbestos but that it required the operation to be conducted within a purpose built building. Therefore, FCC will require new planning permission to remain on site, presumably with plans for a new building. We await any further developments.

Escaped Dogs at Neatholme Lane:

Thanks to Cllr Helen O'Donoghue's efforts and those of villagers close to the offending property reporting every escape to the police, this is no longer a constant problem. The perpetrator appeared in court on several occasions and could face a prison sentence if escapes continue. The number of dogs on the premises was drastically reduce. We can only hope that recent good behaviour will continue but would advise residents to report any incident immediately to the police on 101 and/or to the dog warden at Bassetlaw DC.

STOP Sign and New Road Markings at Lound Crossroads:

After repeated contact with Highways and representation from Tracey, A STOP sign and new road markings were agreed. The road markings were painted on 7th May but The STOP sign is still awaited. The Clerk is chasing contacts at Highways.

Dog Run on Little Top Lane:

This appeared almost overnight early in 2025. Bassetlaw District Council has advised that any such businesses require planning permission which was not applied for. The matter has been referred to their Planning Enforcement Team.

Dog Fouling in the Village:

The PC has received a number of complaints from residents about this and has placed articles in the Crier. Please ensure you pick up after your dog.

Village Green Improvement:

Many thanks to Brian Horne and his small team of village volunteers for managing the Village Green. It continues to look beautiful. If anyone is interested in helping with the garden please contact Brian.

Lound Playing Fields:

The PC is taking steps to ensure that the Playing Fields are safe and secure and that they comply with Health and Safety obligations. New Fencing will be erected behind the existing hedges.



Linghurst Lakes:

Thanks to the work of the Linghurst Lakes Committee and Friends, the lakes are looking splendid. They had become very overgrown and difficult to navigate. As it is designated a Nature Reserve, the Committee took advice from the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust when planning works to ensure the survival of our native species such as bats, otters, water voles and orchids. Areas around the lakes have been cleared and reseeded with native wildflowers and grass mixtures.

Finally, we are looking to recruit a new member to the PC to get us back up to strength. The job can be very rewarding as well as challenging. If you feel that you could devote some of your spare time to this lovely village, please speak to the Clerk or any of the Councillors. You can follow what is happening in the village and the PC's work via the website at loundvillage.co.uk and the Crier. The PC will continue to work to maintain our beautiful village for the benefit of all residents. Thank you to everyone in the village for their support over the last year.

Pauline Sheehy
Chair

3. Linghurst Lakes Annual Report for Lound Parish Council - 2024-2025

7th May 2025

Another year has passed and the Lakes are in good order and it has been a busy year.

We invited and have had a meeting with Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust to advise us on the works we carry out and what other works would be of benefit. From that meeting we have implemented the seeding and will carry out other works in the forthcoming year.

I am also making attempts to contact a bat organisation, with a view to establishing whether we have the environment to erect bat boxes. To date I have had no response.

My thanks go to the sub-committee members whose continuing support, especially Martin Bingham for his help with removing a couple of large fallen trees and clearing brambles. There has also been a continued improvement in dog fouling, although a continued reminder in The Crier is always of help.

Can I also request that Lound Bird Club be reminded that they should contact us before they carry out any visits or surveys

General Maintenance Completed 2024-2025

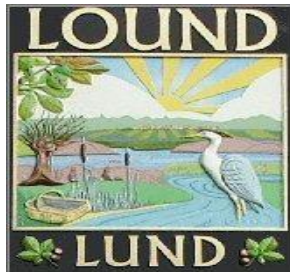
By Contractors

1. Footpaths cut.
2. Grass cut around benches.
3. Meadow areas cut.
4. Lake viewing areas opened up.

By Sub-Committee and Friends

1. Regular health and safety checks (benches, fallen trees, litter, fences, gates, stiles and lifesaving rings). A spare lifesaving ring is held by Jerry Kershaw).
2. Fallen trees cut and cleared.
3. More tree guards removed (thanks to Jeannie Pepper)

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4. Litter picking.

Major Works by Sub-Committee and Friends

1. A large area between the South and North Lakes has been opened up, with the removal of brambles and undergrowth.
2. This area has been seeded with a turtle dove mixture, as suggested by Notts Wildlife Trust. This seed will give ground cover including, clovers, vetch, medic, trefoil and fumitory and make it easier for us to maintain this area in the future.

Sub-Committee

This should be made up of 6 persons, two of whom must be serving Parish Councillors and currently consists of:

Jerry Kershaw - Chairman.

Alan Jones – Treasurer.

Michael Naylor - Parish Councillor.

Pauline Sheehy – Parish Councillor.

Martin Bingham.

Lawrence Sweeting.

We also have 9 Friends of Linghurst.

Finances

In brief as at 11.04.2025, the current balances are:

Nat West Accounts - £5,159.19

Nationwide Accounts - £99,503.95

Whilst these seem healthy amounts and our reserves have increased slightly this year due to slightly better interest rates, it must be remembered however that the only income we can generate is from bank interest, which will continue to fluctuate. Our yearly maintenance costs this year have been £1,708.87

I would ask therefore all villagers to help us maintain this unique and wonderful village amenity, not just for now but for all future generations of the Parish.

Please contact me or any committee member for further information.

THANK YOU.

Jerry Kershaw

4. Any Other Reports

- None

5. Open Forum for residents

- None